

Welcome to the July 2022 issue

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Welcome to the latest issue of the 'Experts in MS' newsletter.

This issue focuses on learning and resources and includes information about our first professional networking day, digital resources and training opportunities, and a brief outline of the changes to the NHS earlier this month.



'Learning into Practice' – Swansea 8 July

Our first ever professional networking day took place in sunny Swansea. More than 50 of us gathered together to network and share new ways of working and new service ideas. We had some fantastic workshop sessions – and a huge thank you to all of our speakers and presenters. It was a great atmosphere, and we were struck by the passion of all the delegates to provide the best possible services and support for people with MS.

So for those who joined us, we hope you found the day rewarding and useful, and you left with lots of new ideas and top tips. And for those who didn't – we look forward to seeing you at future events!



Digital resources and training

Just a reminder about some of our online training resources:

The **MS awareness course for care workers and social care staff** explores the different types of MS, how it impacts the care people may need, and how to support people with MS. An accredited version is available.

The **Understanding Neurology** course is for both health and social care professionals and helps to develop knowledge and understanding of 8 neurological conditions. 5 hours towards Continuing Professional Development.

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Save the Date

Join upcoming online conference **Access to exercise for people with neurological conditions – the future** to hear about the impact of the Access to Exercise project in West Cheshire. This will be presented by the range of partners involved, including Sheffield Hallam University who carried out the evaluation. We will be exploring what we have learnt and developing plans for the future.

Wednesday 5 October 10am – 12.30pm

Key Speaker: Paralympian Alison Peasgood

This project is a partnership between the Neuro Therapy Centre, Brio Leisure and the Walton Centre, with funding from Sport England and support from the MS Society, Parkinson's UK and Sheffield Hallam University.

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Changes to the NHS

In England, from 1 July 2022, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) have ceased to exist. They have been replaced by the Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) which bring together NHS providers and commissioners. They will work across a geographical area along with local authorities and other partners, to collectively plan health and care services for their population.

The aim is to integrate care and create more joined up services across the acute and community based-services, physical and mental health, and health and social care. For more information, [visit the King's Fund website](#).

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Experts in MS Forum

Our forum is a private, safe space dedicated to MS professionals where you can share ideas, ask for advice and get support from one another. Sign up, join the conversation! Post your own thoughts and questions, and get to know the rest of the network.

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